(c) There existed a provision in rule 2 of the Central Civil Services (Medical Examination) Rules, 1957 to retire/terminate a Government servant who was suffering from a physical or mental disability which comes in the way of efficient discharge of his duties. However, this provision has been amended on 19.7.2002 in line with section 47 (i) of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, according to which no establishment shall dispense with an employee who acquires a disability during his service. Various Ministries/Departments have sought advice on the issue and the legal opinion in the matter is that it is permissible to retire disabled persons who are totally unfit to work as per the opinion of Medical Boards.

(d) Data in this regard is not centrally maintained.

(e) and (f) A retired Government servant is entitled to pensionary benefits as per the provisions of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972.

Services for visually handicapped

1872. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified/earmarked any particular service for the visually impaired persons for giving them sufficient representation in Civil Services as per Section 33 of "Persons with Disability Act, 1995";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Several jobs/posts have been identified suitable to be held by visually impaired persons details of which have been notified vide Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment's notification No. 16-25/99-NI-I dated 31st May, 2001.

(c) Does not arise.